

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows. Please add new claims 17-20.

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method of efficiently provisioning application services for a plurality of diverse applications executed at a data center, the method comprising:

creating an organization entity within [[a]] the data center;  
creating an organization unit for the organization entity;  
associating a group identification number with the organization entity;  
creating user permission information for application services for the organization  
entity; and  
propagating at least one of the organization unit, [[and]] the group identification  
number, and the permission information to at least one application server  
within the data center.

2. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:  
collecting information about the organization entity; and  
storing the collected information in an administrative database.
3. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:  
associating a suffix with the organization entity; and  
verifying the uniqueness of the suffix within the data center.
4. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 3, further comprising:  
storing in administrative database the suffix, the organization unit and the group  
identification number.
5. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:  
storing permission information for application services in association with the  
organization entity in an administrative database.

6. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 5, wherein the permission information includes information identifying services and at least one server for providing the application services.

7. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 6, wherein the application services include rendering a published application.

8. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 6, wherein the application services include rendering a custom application.

9. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 5, further comprising:  
storing permission information for data associated with the organization entity in the administrative database.

10. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the diverse applications include Windows applications and Unix applications.

11. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the propagating is performed based on an active directory.

12. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the propagating is performed based on multi-master architecture.

13. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 2, further comprising:  
adding a user to the organization entity;  
associating a user identification with the user; and  
propagating the user identification in association with at least one of the organization unit and the group identification number to at least one application server within the data center.

14. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 2, further comprising:  
storing the user identification in the administration database.

15. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 13, further comprising:  
storing permission information for application services in association with the user  
identification in an administrative database.
16. (Currently Amended) ~~An architecture for application service provision~~ A computer-  
implemented system for efficiently provisioning application services for a plurality of  
diverse applications executed at a data center, the system comprising:  
an application server array for providing applications to remote clients;  
a brokering array for translating output from at least some of the applications to a  
communication protocol;  
a database for storing administrative data and application data;  
an administrative array coupled to the database, the administration array receiving  
organization information, storing the information into the administration  
database and propagating the organization information to the application  
server array; and  
a redundant switching array for linking the database and the arrays with each other  
and a communication network for delivering application service to the remote  
clients.
17. (New) The system according to claim 1, wherein the administrative array is further  
adapted to:  
add a user to an organization entity,  
associate a user identification with the user, and  
propagate the user identification in association with at least one of the organization  
unit and the group identification number to at least one application server  
within the data center.
18. (New) The system according to claim 1, wherein the administrative array is further  
adapted to:  
associate a suffix with the organization entity, and  
verify the uniqueness of the suffix within the data center.

19. (New) The system according to claim 18, wherein the administrative array is further adapted to:

store in administrative database the suffix, the organization unit and the group identification number.

20. (New) The system according to claim 16, wherein the administrative array is further adapted to:

store permission information for application services in association with the organization entity in an administrative database.